	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/690,264	JOHNSON ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Seung H Lee	2876

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05 August 2003.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:
        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the
            International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * Certified copies not received: _____ .

5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific
    reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
    (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included
    in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted
below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF
    INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____ .
    (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____ , which has been approved by the Examiner.
    (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back of)
each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the
    attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
    Paper No. _____

4☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
    of Biological Material

5☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____

7☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1.   Receipt is acknowledged of the response filed on 05 August 2003, which has been entered in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

2.   Claims 1-11 are allowed.

3.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Although, the best prior arts of record to Miller [US 6,244,763], Block [US 6010,156], Wolfram [US 5,051,565], and Petkovsek [US 5,697,648] teach that a method of printing labels having a barcode representing address and mailing address. However, Miller, Block, Wolfram, and Petkovsek taken alone or in combination of other references, fail to specifically teach a method of a printing label pair containing a destination address and a destination barcode and tagging each label pair with an locally unique identifying mark in which the identifying mark is human discernable to allow a user to match the label pair in view of the applicant's response filed on 05 August 2003 and as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Seung H. Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-5894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
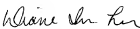
If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax-phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [**seung.lee@uspto.gov**].

All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that sensitive information could be identified or exchanged unless the record includes a properly signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER